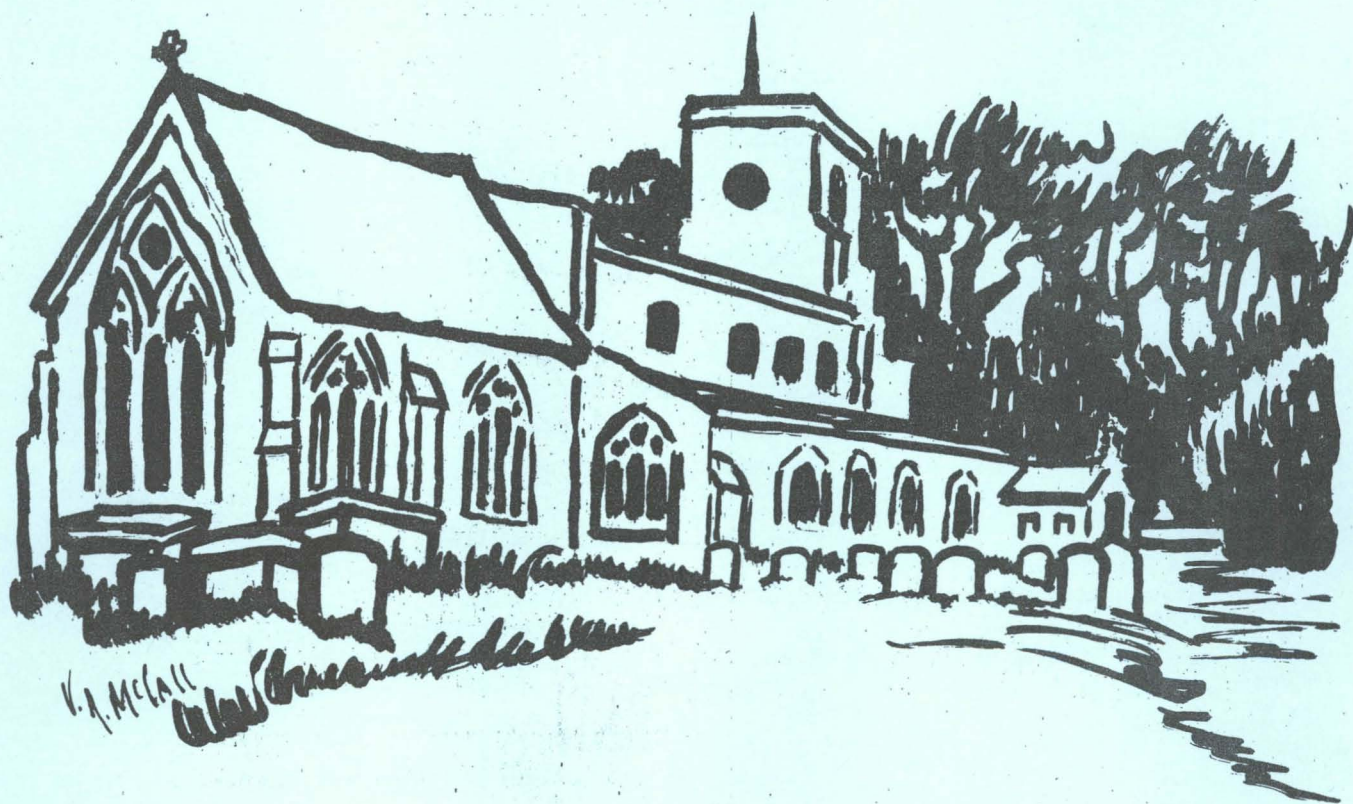


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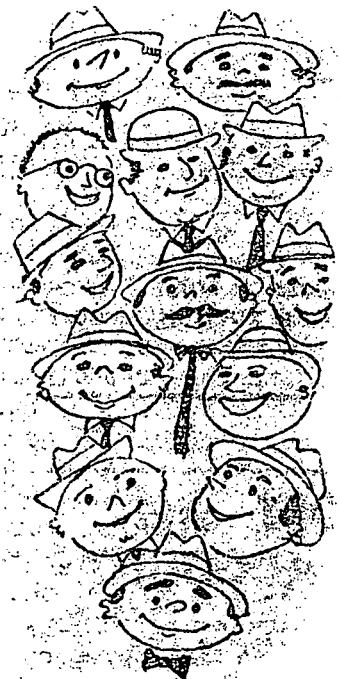


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Foreword

Once upon a time, meals by candlelight were considered romantic and evenings by the fire had an old-world charm and warmth of their own. But you can have too much of a good thing as many of us have found in recent weeks. Even if one was fortunate enough still to have an old oil lamp, its mellow light is quite dim to eyes accustomed to electrical brilliance, and we wonder how our grandparents managed to do so much by this light. The power crisis has certainly made us realise how much society has become dependant on this comparatively modern commodity, electricity.

I trust the situation will look more hopeful by the time you read this, but to brighten up the gloom of these power-starved days, why not think about a trip to London to see 'Godspell'? The Vicar and I have seen it and decided that it is so good that we would like to take a party. I don't suppose it will be easy to get 40 people to fill a bus, but we're hoping to do so nonetheless... after all there hasn't been a parish outing since we came here! There are evidently no party rates at Wyndham's Theatre, so you can choose the price which suits you. They are as follows:

Balcony 55p. Grand Circle £1.20
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May we ask you to come to a quick decision about this as the show is proving such a success that we have to book a long way in advance. Please give your name and ticket money to the Vicar by March 7th. Sorry to have to demand the money at this early stage, but the price of forty tickets is too much out of one humble bank balance! There will of course be the bus fare on top of this, but with a full bus it should not be a major item. The idea is to try and get tickets for the 6.15 show on May 6th (Cup Final day) so

I hope you are not all football fanatics - you're bound to be able to see the match on Sunday afternoon anyway. You'll find a review further on in the Beacon to help you make up your mind.

Talking of brightening up gloom, not surprisingly when people kept to a strict diet over Lent, they needed a break halfway through, and this they had on Refreshment Sunday, commonly known now as Mothering Sunday. This falls on March 12th this year, and as usual we shall be celebrating it with a special service at 3.30 p.m., when children bring posies for their mothers. Mr. Collison is already kindly preparing the Simnel Cake for our refreshment afterwards. The service itself will have something new to offer, so come along and be refreshed !

Coffee after morning service on Sundays has been very successful when power has permitted and I'm sure it will become a valuable part of Church life when things get back to normal. Here I must offer a heartfelt vote of thanks to Vera and Olive Rolph who have very kindly donated crockery, trays and other equipment for use in Church. I expect they will be cross with me for mentioning their names, but I feel that such generosity should not go unnoticed !

February was a sad month with the death of two of our old people, Maud Thompson and Harry Banks. Mr. Banks will be particularly missed by us at the Vicarage where he was almost a daily visitor. Thanks to him a large portion of the vegetable garden has been re-claimed from the wilderness. As he said, "a little help is worth a deal of sympathy !"

Rosalind Jones

FROM THE VICAR



'We do not know what happened when Jesus Christ rose from the dead; that is God's secret. We do not know, that is, what happened to him, what change he underwent, what it was like for him to rise. We know some of the things that happened to his disciples, what he caused them to see, to touch and to hear. Through the signs of his presence which he bestowed, he made them understand at least this about himself: the whole Jesus who had lived with them before his passion was alive again, and with them again; nothing had been lost where everything had been glorified' Austin Farrar writing about Easter in 'The Crown of the Year'.

Would you agree with the above ? What does Easter mean to you ? I suspect that few people think of the real significance of Easter, and instead regard it as a welcome break in the cycle of living. A chance to get started on outdoor activities and hobbies and for the lucky few even

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a spring holiday. But Easter is much more than that. First and foremost it is the triumph of God over sin, suffering and death. It is the realisation that Jesus was not only man but God. If you are to appreciate this fact and live it out in our daily lives then we must prepare and make ready, otherwise it can so easily turn out to be just another pleasant day. To help in this preparation we have the usual Lenten opportunities which are listed elsewhere. Do try and support them for they have much to offer. This year we have the addition of a thorough preparation in Holy Week. Recently published by the Joint Liturgical Group is 'Holy Week Services' and these will form the basis of our worship. Each day has a theme, which should help in understanding the passion of our Lord and its implications. It is an imaginative experiment and one that deserves success. Holy week used this way should lead to a deeper understanding of that resurrection which is the basis of all that we do.

I end with another quotation from
'Holy Week services'

'Any hope of the majority even of committed church members being able to or even willing to attend a complete Holy Week course seems vain. This is why, though attention will be focused on different incidents each time, the whole of our redemption should be set forth in every single service. The primitive unity must always be kept in mind, and there is no reason for despair. It is encouraging to notice how people, not least young people, will respond to intensive worship which makes demands on all their faculties and powers. It is the trite, the humdrum and the superficial which repel our serious contemporaries. Let them see that the Church has a faith to proclaim which plumbs the very depths of human experience and that worship is not an antiquated pastime but the appropriation of a love which gives and takes everything, and some at least will gladly seek to know Christ in the fellowship of his sufferings and the power of his resurrection and to take part with the Church in the celebration of those acts which are greater than the making of the world'.

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The rule of the Church to attend a Service on Sundays, rain or shine, is badly breached nowadays. Here is an American comment:-

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I expect my priest to be there. I should be surprised if he were to stay at home because of the weather.

In any important business matters, rainy weather does not keep me from the office.

Bad weather will show me on what foundation my faith is built.

Those who stay away from church because it is too warm or too cold or too rainy frequently absent themselves on fair Sundays.

I do not know how many more Sundays God may give me, but it would be a poor preparation for my first Sunday in Paradise to slight my last Sunday in the Church Militant.

STUDENT CROSS

On Tuesday March 29th members of this interdenomination group will be walking through our village carrying a large wooden cross on their way to Walsingham in Norfolk. They will be stopping at the Black Horse for lunch and I hope to join them when they arrive in our parish. Last year several of our youngsters walked with them and I hope this will happen again. If you are interested please get in touch with the Vicar for times etc.



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March 1st Lent Service Swaffham Prior 8 p.m.
 3rd Women's World Day of Prayer. 2.30 p.m. in Church
 4th Junior Church Puppet Show in aid of Lent Project
 6 p.m. in the Hall
 8th Lent Service Burwell 8 p.m.
 11th Diocesan Synod
 12th Mothering Sunday Service 3.30 p.m.
 15th Lent Service Swaffham Bulbeck 8 p.m.
 19th Evensong at Burwell with the four parishes. 6.30 p.m.
 22nd Lent Service Reach 8 p.m.
 29th P.C.C. meets in the Church Hall. 8 p.m.

Advance Notice Annual Meeting takes place 19th April at 7.30 p.m.

Reminder Hemingford Grey Weekend 21/23 April. places still available.

MOTHERING SUNDAY The Special Service is at 3.30 p.m. and all are welcome whatever age. After the service there will be a chance to have a piece of simnel cake and a cup of tea in Church.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Palm Sundays	Distribution of palms
Monday	Theme - Penitance at 7.30 p.m.
Tuesday	" Obedience "
Wednesday	" Service "
	Holy Communion at 9.30 a.m.
Maunday Thursday	The institution of the Eucharist and the New Commandment. Holy Communion 7.30 p.m.
Good Friday	Theme The Cross. From 2 till 3 in Church with the children in the Vicarage.
Saturday	Theme - The Easter Vigil at 7.30 p.m. Confessions 8 p.m. or by appointment.

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1. No morning Sunday School on March 12th. Instead there is the service for Mothering Sunday at 3.30 p.m. in which the children will be taking a special part.
2. On Good Friday, instead of the usual children's service, there will be special film strips at the Vicarage., from 2 - 3 p.m.
3. On Easter Sunday the children will attend the whole of the Parish Communion at 10 a.m.

Other Sundays as usual.

Junior Guild is busily preparing for the Puppet Shew on March 4th.

Eleven children have now earned their red ribbons, and by the time you read this there may be more of them. In case you wonder what this is all about, a red ribbon denotes a basic knowledge of the childhood of Christ. Succeeding tests will deal with other Bible subjects, the next one being the last week in the life of Christ.



WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - MARCH 3rd

The Service will be held in Church this year at 2.30 p.m., when the address will be given by Mrs C.E. Ridgeon. All welcome.

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Sidesmen & Lesson Rota

March 5th	8 a.m.	C Bourne	
	10 a.m.	M. Waterfall	M. Waterfall
	6.30 p.m.	A. Firebrace	
March 12th	8 a.m.	A. Payne	
	10 a.m.	J. Golightly	A. Firebrace
	3.30 p.m.	B. Dean	
March 19th	8 a.m.	J. Ford	
	10. a.m.	K. Pratt	K. Pratt
	6.30 p.m.	R. Butler	
March 26th	8 a.m.	V. Rolph	
	10 a.m.	G. Woollard	G. Woollard
	6.30 p.m.	R. Bullman	



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Basically it is entertainment with a message there if you want to take it. It is very funny and the Christian, brought up in reverence for all things to do with the gospels, may wonder whether he should have laughed or not - but to laugh is not necessarily to mock.

The set is simple, the costumes gay and informal. There is a cast of ten who work as a team, rather than as one or two stars with support from the rest. An atmosphere of friendliness is quickly established with the audience who are invited to mingle with the cast on stage during the interval.

It is a treat nowadays to go to a show and leave it with a happy, laughing audience instead of a silent, thoughtful and often shocked one.

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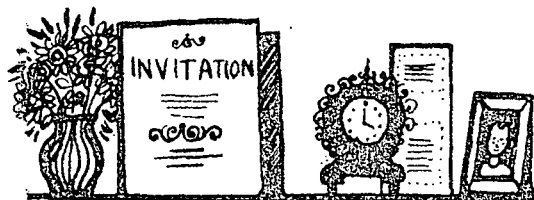
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Many readers will probably notice a distinct lack of wit in our contribution to the Beacon this month. This is partly because it is a serious time for our branch and mainly because of the sad departure from Swaffham Bulbeck of our Chairman and regular writer of right-wing news. Both Norman Davies as Chairman, and Ann his charming wife as a staunch committee member, by their leaving, have created a gap which will be hard to fill.

We held our Annual General Meeting in early February, at which a strong committee was elected. Mr. Haslop was re-elected Hon Treasurer, but the post of Chairman was unfilled and Andrew Firebrace felt it was time he retired from his long stint as Hon Secretary. His has been a remarkable run and I think possibly the longest ever for a Secretary of our branch. We are all very grateful indeed for all his help in the past, which, knowing Andrew, will probably not be much diminished by his leaving office. So the net result of our meeting is that we still need a chairman and secretary, both responsible jobs, but within a strong team in the largest organisation of any kind in our village. I appeal most strongly to anyone who would like to come forward for one of these posts in order to keep the Conservative Party active in our area.

A special General Meeting has been called for Tuesday 28th March at 8 p.m. in the School. Will members of the committee and all interested take this as the only notice and please come along. The branch must be kept going and I am sure will be kept going with the co-operation and help of more people of our village.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

As a Senior Citizen may I say 'Thank You' to the young men who very kindly gave us bags of logs. Just to see their cheerful faces was a tonic and also to hear them say "where do you want them" - it was a wonderful thought.

An act such as this gives a lift to life to the older folk.

V.A. Betts

Downing Farm,
Swaffham Bulbeck
22 Feb 72

Dear Editor,

I would like to say thank you very much to all the old people who wrote me letters of thanks for the logs we delivered on Sunday afternoon.

I would also like to mention that it was carried out by several volunteers from Bottisham Y.F.C. If it wasn't for the generosity of one of the local farmers we would not have been able to deliver any, since he provided us with some dead trees and a tractor and trailer to deliver them.

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Mr. and Mrs. Carter came along as our guest speaker for this meeting. Their topic for the evening was the Salvation Army. The accompanying records were enjoyed by everyone.

The Committee offer their sincere apologies for the cancellation of the Annual Party. Anticipated I am sure by all members and friends. But due to the power cuts this of course cannot take place. Entertainment of this kind would not be acceptable to the Local Education Authority as stringent measures have already been introduced in their own evening activities with the cancellation of all classes at evening centres. We must all look forward, dare I say to brighter days, when some other event can be arranged.

M.E. Durrant.



CHILDREN

Because of the power cuts we have often found ourselves sitting in the dark until we fumbled about and found a candle.

I hope that in March the cuts will have been stopped and that you'll find yourselves with a few spare white wax candles, because apart from giving a warm soft light, we can do many things with the wax.

Here are a few suggestions:

Drawing with wax

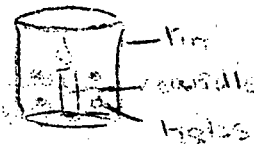
You will need some paper, a wax candle, some paint.

First of all draw your picture or pattern (snowflakes look effective) on the paper. You can't see where you've drawn, so go carefully and press on hard. When you've finished your drawing, stroke paint all over your paper, covering your drawing completely. You will find that your picture will stand out clearly, because the water rolls off the wax lines.

If you're older, or your parents can help you, you can try some simple batik work.

You will need a square of plain material, a dye, some wax candles, a small tin, an old painting brush.

First of all you make yourself a little heater by putting a candle stub in the bottom of your tin and punching holes near the base of the tin like this:



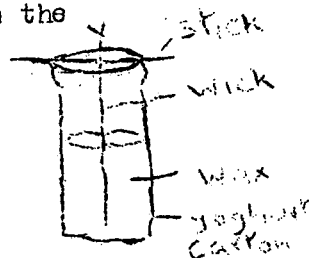
Now put a few bits of wax or some candle stubs on a tin lid and stand this over your little burner; they will melt quickly.

On your square of material, draw a design in pencil starting from the centre growing out like some unusual flower. Put your material over a good thickness of newspaper, then paint over your pencil lines with the hot wax. The wax should seep into the material and through on to the paper. Work quickly and make sure your wax is hot.

When you have finished dye your piece of material and when it is dry iron it carefully between sheets of newspaper until all the wax has melted out into the paper. You may then mount your material over some cardboard, and you will have an unusual picture.

Coloured Candles are quite expensive, but you can make your own by melting down a wax candle and dropping a coloured crayon into the wax to dye it. Get the wick out of the old white one because you'll need it in the new coloured one.

Pour the wax into a mould (old yoghurt cartons are good) and dangle the wick into the middle. When it's set, cut off the yoghurt carton and you will have your coloured candle.



Our competition last month received a good response. Five super entries came from Gary Stepney, Kevin Stepney, Susan Norton, Joe Bourne and Michael Leiser. After deciding for a long time, and asking the help of friends, we chose the picture of a mole done by Joe Bourne. So Joe can come and collect her prize.

Thank you for entering. All the pictures were really very good. I hope you enjoyed doing them.

If you want a little more advice about some of the waxy ideas, I'll be pleased to help you.

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